

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names; we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS CROSS-CHANNEL INTERLEAVING, described in the specification filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 26, 1999 and assigned Serial No. 09/318,938.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments(s) referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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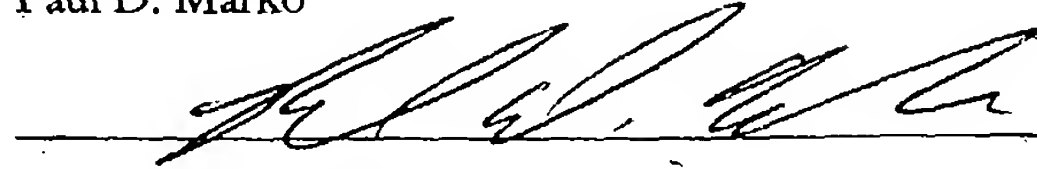
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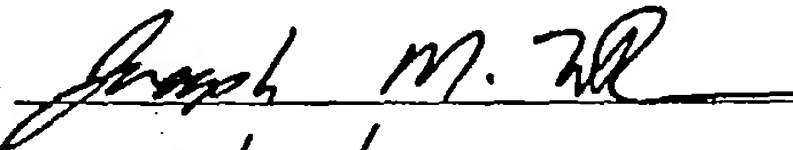
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